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"A Tradition of Service"

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TO: CORONNE JACOB, CAPTAIN

SOUTH PATROL DIVISION

TEMPLE STATION

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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force SUSPECT INFORMATION

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(BI)	Baton: (Impact)	(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(RO)	Restraint Device (Other)
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(CN)	Canine	(FB)	Flashbang	(HB)	Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(FL)	Flashlight	(TP)	Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
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(TT)	Control Holds: (Team Takedown)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(SH)	Shield
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(CE)	Chemical	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST)	Stun Bag
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR)	Taser
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FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGA	Method	Type of Injury	Body Part	
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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: Category Three Use of Force

IAB FILE NUMBER: FO 2370308

URN#: 914-14106-0590-071

DATE/TIME: November 18, 2014, 0238 Hours

LOCATION: Pasadena

# SYNOPSIS

On November 18, 2014, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Richard Harpham, Sergeant Brian Godwin, and Sergeant Chad Smeltzer, responded to Temple Station to conduct a use of force review subsequent to learning the suspect was admitted to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment of facial injuries allegedly after being Tased by a deputy and falling on his head. Upon their arrival, they were informed of the following:

At 0227 hours, Temple Station patrol units were dispatched to a radio call of a burglary in progress, taking place at the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on Colorado Boulevard and Rosemead Boulevard in Pasadena. The information had been called in on the 911 line by Informant [Exhibit A, job #43806]. Information included in the call indicated a male suspect, wearing a black and white jacket, had broken a window at the location and was last seen on foot walking towards Sierra Madre Boulevard [Exhibit B, job #43800]. Deputies began coordinating the radio call on L-Tac [Exhibit C, job #43801]. Deputy arrived at the location and contacted Suspect Supuwood, who matched the description of the suspect mentioned in the radio call, and was walking near the location.

Deputy statement attempted to detain Suspect Supuwood by telling him to stop walking. Suspect Supuwood did not comply with the order and walked away from Deputy while yelling profanities. At this time, Deputy Fugawa arrived on scene, exiting his radio car and walking up to Deputy Deputy used his hand-held radio to request emergency clearance, asking for "the patch." He broadcast that he was detaining a suspect at gunpoint,

but the suspect was walking westbound on Colorado Boulevard, toward "motel. Deputy as a sale asked for assistance from Temple Station patrol units.

Suspect Supuwood walked into the parking lot of "motel. Sergeant Long and Deputy Ruiz arrived in the parking lot. Sergeant Long and Deputy Ruiz attempted to calm Suspect Supuwood down, as he yelled obscenities at them. Suspect Supuwood yelled, "I will kill" and reached into his waistband area. Sergeant Long handed a Taser to Deputy Ruiz and directed him to fire it at Suspect Supuwood. Deputy Ruiz, realizing that a potential deadly force incident was imminent, followed Sergeant Long's order and fired the Taser at Suspect Supuwood as he turned to walk away. The Taser darts struck Suspect Supuwood in the back. He immediately fell face forward to the ground, possibly striking his head on a metal parking pole and/or the asphalt parking lot and then rolling onto his back.

Deputy Ruiz ordered Suspect Supuwood to roll onto his stomach and to place his hands at his side. Suspect Supuwood did not follow the orders. Deputy Ruiz activated the Taser a second time, using the leads already attached to Suspect Supuwood's jacket. This activation of the Taser had no discernable effect. Deputy Ruiz delivered a drive stun to one of Suspect Supuwood's calves. At this point, Deputy Fugawa turned Suspect Supuwood onto his stomach, encountering no resistance. Deputy Zambrano grabbed Suspect Supuwood's arms, placed them behind his back, and handcuffed him without resistance.

Suspect Supwood had a laceration above his left eyelid. He was examined at the scene by paramedics and then transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Suspect Supuwood was given a Computed Tomography (CT) scan. A subarachnoid hemorrhage (bleeding between the membranes of the brain) was found in the left rear area of his skull. Suspect Supuwood was admitted to the hospital and moved to the intensive care unit.

# INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY

Ruiz, Adrian, Deputy Sheriff, # East Patrol Division
Temple Sheriff's Station

# Work History

Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol:
Date Assigned to Temple Station:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

August 02, 2006

November 10, 2013

## Equipment

X26 Taser Expandable baton Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

# SUBJECT INFORMATION

Moluba Supuwood

Male Black DOB: May 17, 1977 Booking #4159868, 6'00", 220 pounds

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Note: A copy of Suspect Supuwood's criminal history is included in the miscellaneous documents section of this case book.

## SUBJECT'S INJURIES

Note: Video from the "El Super Burrito" restaurant shows an apparent bleeding injury above Suspect Supuwood's left eye. This injury was sustained sometime before he had contact with any deputies [Exhibit D, minute 4:45]. Another video from the restaurant shows Suspect Supuwood launching himself out of a window and landing on his left front side and left side of his face [Exhibit E, minute 6:41].

Subject Supuwood was examined at the scene by paramedics then transported via ambulance to Arcadia Methodist Hospital. He was examined by Doctor Dana Tiganu at the hospital. Suspect Supuwood was treated for a laceration above the left eye, which was subsequently sealed with two medical staples. A CT scan of Suspect Supuwood's skull was conducted, which showed he had sustained a small subarachnoid hemorrhage in the left parietal area (bleeding between the linings outside the brain) [Exhibit F].

Note: A blood test showed that Suspect Supuwood was experiencing acute alcohol intoxication (.270 g/dl). Urine tests showed he was experiencing acute cocaine and cannabinoid intoxication [Exhibit F].

The hemorrhage required him to be admitted to the hospital for observation. He was discharged from the hospital on November 20, 2014, with an "Okay to Book" [Exhibit G]. Suspect Supuwood was booked at Temple Station on the indicated charges [Exhibit H].

# **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

No deputies were injured.

#### PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

No physical evidence was collected at the scene by IAB investigators. The scene was not held, as there was no significant evidence at the location.

#### INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was not held in relation to this force incident. Sergeant Godwin took photographs of the scene [Exhibit I]. An aerial photograph of the location from an internet website was also extracted [Exhibit J].

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Ruiz - Taser

# WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT SUPUWOOD

High Risk, Uncooperative

# PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT SUPUWOOD

Shattered window at " motel, room [Exhibit K]. Shattered window at the "El Super Burnto" restaurant. [Exhibit D, minute:41 of video].

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED

Investigator: Saranya Klinkalong, # Detective, Temple Station

Charges filed: Burglary, 459 PC; Resisting a Peace Officer in his Duties,

148(A)(1) PC

Case status: Case filed on November 20, 2014. Suspect Supuwood was

convicted of Burglary and sentenced to 3 years of summary

probation and 30 days in the Los Angeles County jail.

Court: Alhambra Court - #ALH4AH0472301

#### LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during the time of darkness; however, there was some illumination from a motel room lights. The weather was clear and dry.

# SCENE DESCRIPTION

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## WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed the reports authored by the involved deputies and determined they were consistent with their IAB Administrative Force Review interviews.

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Deputy authored a Supplemental Report [Exhibit L] regarding his actions and observations

On December 9, 2014, Deputy was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer at the IAB office. He was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy was working Temple Station patrol unit on November 18, 2014. He was working alone, driving a marked patrol car, and was in full class A uniform. He responded to a radio call of a burglary in progress at the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on Colorado Boulevard. Deputy drove by the location and saw a window of the restaurant was broken with shattered glass on the ground outside the window. He began searching for the suspect, who was described as a male black, wearing a black and white jacket. He saw a male, matching the description of the suspect in the call, walking northbound on Fulton Avenue away from the restaurant [Exhibit M]. The suspect was later identified as Suspect Supuwood.

Deputy pulled his radio car adjacent to the suspect and exited the car. He approached Suspect Supuwood and saw that he was bleeding from facial cuts. Deputy attempted to talk to him, but Suspect Supuwood immediately became belligerent, yelled profanities, and stood with his hands clenched into fists. He ordered Suspect Supuwood to stop walking, but this command was ignored. Deputy requested emergency clearance via his hand-held radio through SCC. He requested other Temple Station patrol units to assist him and said he was detaining a Burglary suspect [Exhibit B, job #43800]. Deputy had his firearm drawn. As soon as Deputy

stopped talking, Deputy Fugawa pulled up in a radio car. Both deputies walked toward Suspect Supuwood, who continued to walk away from them.

Note: Deputy attempt to detain Suspect Supuwood was captured on a video camera at the "El Super Burrito" restaurant. [Exhibit N, minutes 5:22 through 5:36].

Every few feet, Suspect Supuwood stopped, turned toward the deputies, yelled profanities, then continued walking away toward "motel. The deputies maintained a distance of approximately five to ten feet between themselves and Suspect Supuwood, as they waited for additional patrol units to assist them. Suspect Supuwood walked into the parking lot of the motel.

Note: Refer to photographs of the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on the northeast corner of Fulton Avenue and Colorado

Boulevard and I motel on the corner of and showing the proximity of the two locations from each other [Exhibit O].

The deputies entered the parking lot, at which time Suspect Supuwood reached into his jacket and gestured as if he had a firearm inside his jacket. Deputy detained Suspect Supuwood at gunpoint. Seconds later, Sergeant Long drove into the parking lot, followed by Deputy Ruiz. Sergeant Long ordered Deputy Ruiz to fire a Taser at Suspect Supuwood. Deputy Ruiz fired the Taser at Suspect Supuwood as he turned away from the deputies. Suspect Supuwood fell face first toward a metal pole embedded in the parking lot asphalt. Deputy believed Suspect Supuwood hit the metal pole with his upper body as he fell. Immediately after hitting the ground face down, Suspect Supuwood turned onto his back. Deputy ordered Suspect Supuwood to turn back onto his stomach. Deputy Ruiz Tased Suspect Supuwood and handcuffed him without resistance.

Deputy estimated the length of time between Suspect Supuwood first being Tased and being handcuffed, was less than 30 seconds. Deputy noted that Suspect Supuwood now had some swelling on his forehead that he had not noticed before the Tasing. Suspect Supuwood did not complain of injuries or pain. Paramedics were summoned and Suspect Supuwood was examined and then transported to the hospital.

## **DEPUTY MICHAEL FUGAWA**

Deputy Fugawa authored a Supplemental Report [Exhibit P] regarding his actions and observations

On December 8, 2014, Deputy Fugawa was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Fugawa was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Fugawa was working Temple Station patrol unit 52 on November 18, 2014.

Note: Although Deputy Fugawa stated he worked unit 52 on the indicated date, he actually worked unit 52X, according to the in-service [Exhibit Q] and his Deputy Daily Worksheet [Exhibit R].

Deputy Fugawa was working alone and driving a marked radio car. He responded to a radio call of a Burglary in progress taking place at the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on Colorado Boulevard. Deputy Fugawa drove around the area, searching for the suspect. He saw a radio car parked northbound on Fulton Avenue near Colorado Boulevard. Deputy Fugawa drove past the radio car and saw Deputy attempting to detain a male matching the description of the suspect in the radio call. Deputy Fugawa exited his radio car and Deputy started talking on the radio saying he was detaining a burglary suspect at gunpoint. Deputy Fugawa drew his firearm.

Suspect Supuwood walked westbound on Colorado Boulevard, toward "motel Deputy Fugawa ordered Suspect Supuwood to stop and to show his hands. Deputy Fugawa could not see Suspect Supuwood's right hand as it was near his waistband and partially inside his jacket. As he walked, Suspect Supuwood stopped six or seven times, but then continued walking into the parking lot of "motel. Deputy Fugawa took up a position behind a vehicle with Suspect Supuwood on the other side. Deputy Ruiz and Sergeant Long arrived. Deputy Fugawa heard Sergeant Long and Deputy giving verbal commands to Suspect Supuwood. Suspect Supuwood would not comply with the verbal commands. Deputy Fugawa heard Suspect Supuwood cursing and saying the word "kill." Suspect Supuwood put his right hand inside his jacket, near his waistband and began to turn away from Deputy Ruiz.

Deputy Ruiz fired a Taser at Suspect Supuwood, hitting him in the back with the darts and causing the suspect to fall to the ground. Deputy Fugawa walked around the vehicle and closer to Suspect Supuwood, who was lying face up on the ground. He told Suspect Supuwood to turn around and put his hands behind his back, but Suspect Supuwood did not comply. Deputy Fugawa turned Suspect Supuwood onto his stomach and Deputy Zambrano handcuffed him. Deputy Fugawa said Suspect Supuwood did not resist the turn over or the handcuffing.

Deputy Fugawa canvassed the area for potential witnesses. He contacted a couple (male and female white) staying in room. They said they had seen a group of deputies surrounding a suspect in the parking lot of the motel, but had not seen any force used. Deputy Fugawa said the names of the couple were in his notes and he would send them to Sergeant Godwin via email after the interview.

Note: Deputy Fugawa emailed the names of the indicated couple

[Exhibit S] after the interview. They had identified themselves

as with a phone number of

# **SERGEANT JAMES LONG**

Sergeant Long authored a Supplemental Report [Exhibit T] regarding his actions and observations. A photograph of the scene was used during his interview to more clearly detail the exact location of the use of force [Exhibit U].

On December 5, 2014, Sergeant Long was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Sergeant Long chose not to have a representative present.

Sergeant Long stated he was working Temple Station patrol, unit 50S, on November 18, 2014. He responded to a radio call of a burglary in progress on Colorado Boulevard. Sergeant Long arrived in the area and began searching for the suspect. He heard Deputy broadcast on the radio that he was detaining a suspect at gunpoint at motel. Sergeant Long drove his patrol vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) into the driveway of the motel. He saw Deputy standing in the parking lot behind a blue Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), with his gun drawn. Sergeant Long exited his Tahoe, taking a Taser with him.

Sergeant Long walked towards Deputy He saw Suspect Supuwood in an empty parking stall between the Blue SUV and another red car Suspect Supuwood was yelling something about "shooting and killing." Sergeant Long pointed the Taser at the suspect, but then realized Deputy Ruiz was standing next to him. He handed the Taser to Deputy Ruiz and ordered him to Tase the suspect because he wanted to avoid a deadly force encounter if possible. Suspect Supuwood had his hand concealed inside his bulky jacket. Suspect Supuwood looked at the Taser, turned around, and took one step away from Deputy Ruiz. Deputy Ruiz ordered Suspect Supuwood to stop. Suspect Supuwood ignored the order and Deputy Ruiz fired the Taser, hitting the suspect in the back. Suspect Supuwood fell face forward onto the ground.

Sergeant Long ordered two deputies to handcuff Suspect Supuwood. Suspect Supuwood was turning over onto his back and Deputy Ruiz ordered him to stop. Suspect Supuwood ignored the order and Deputy Ruiz Tased him again, using

the Taser leads already attached to the suspect. Sergeant Long saw Deputy Ruiz apparently drive stunning Suspect Supuwood with the Taser in the ankle or foot area. Two deputies handcuffed Suspect Supuwood without resistance.

Sergeant Long saw a bleeding injury on the left side of Suspect Supuwood's face. Paramedics were summoned. Suspect Supuwood yelled racial epithets at the paramedics while threatening to shoot and kill the deputies. Suspect Supuwood was transported to the hospital. Sergeant Long reported some details of the use of force incident to the watch commander, Lieutenant Phillip Marquez, via cellular phone.

Sergeant Long asked motel management if the video cameras in the parking lot had recorded the incident. He was told that the cameras did not record. Sergeant Long directed deputies to canvass the area for non-employee witnesses, which met with negative results. He took photographs of the scene [Exhibit V]. Sergeant Long went to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, along with the Lieutenant Marquez. They were unable to interview Suspect Supuwood because he had been sedated and was undergoing medical procedures. Sergeant Long never saw if the Taser darts had penetrated Suspect Supuwood's skin or not. He then learned that Suspect Supuwood was to be admitted to the hospital. A field show up was conducted with Informant and she positively identified Suspect Supuwood as being the person who had burglarized the "El Super Burrito" restaurant.

## **DEPUTY ADRIAN RUIZ**

Deputy Ruiz authored a Supplemental Report [Exhibit W] regarding his actions and observations.

On December 8, 2014, Deputy Ruiz was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer at the IAB office. He was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Ruiz stated he was working as a patrol unit at Temple Station on November 18, 2014. He was working alone as unit 58T1, Early Morning shift. He was driving a marked radio car and wearing a full class A uniform. Deputy Ruiz responded to the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on Colorado Boulevard regarding a radio call of a burglary in progress, assigning himself as an assisting unit. Deputy Ruiz was in the area when he heard garbled emergency radio traffic. He stopped his patrol vehicle on Colorado Boulevard near "motel and while exiting his vehicle, heard the name of the motel mentioned in the radio traffic. Deputy Ruiz walked into the driveway of the motel and saw Sergeant Long to his north holding a Taser and pointing it west. He saw another unknown deputy was in the parking lot, to the north, standing behind a vehicle. As Deputy Ruiz approached, he could see that Sergeant Long was pointing his

Taser at a male matching the description of the Burglary suspect (later identified as Suspect Supuwood). Suspect Supuwood was standing approximately 10-15 feet to the west of Sergeant Long.

Suspect Supuwood was belligerent and uncooperative, as he cursed at the deputies. Deputy Ruiz and Sergeant Long attempted to calm Suspect Supuwood by telling him that everything was going to be okay. Suddenly, Suspect Supuwood reached into his waistband with both hands and said, "I will kill." Sergeant Long handed his Taser to Deputy Ruiz and told him, "Hey, Tase him." Deputy Ruiz holstered his firearm and took the Taser from Sergeant Long in his right hand as Suspect Supuwood began to walk away. Deputy Ruiz ordered Suspect Supuwood to stop and show his hands. Suspect Supuwood continued to walk away. Believing that Suspect Supuwood was the burglary suspect and that he was attempting to retrieve a weapon, Deputy Ruiz fired the Taser at him. At the time, Suspect Supuwood was 10 – 15 feet away from Deputy Ruiz. Deputy Ruiz did not have time to warn Suspect Supuwood that he was going to use the Taser. He felt he had to fire the Taser without warning because if it was not done immediately, it could evolve into a deadly force incident.

Deputy Ruiz saw the Taser darts contact the middle of Suspect Supuwood's back with an 18 or 20 inch separation between the darts. Suspect Supuwood fell forward. Suspect Supuwood fell face down on the ground near a steel and concrete parking lot pillar and then rolled onto his back with his hands still near his waistband area. Deputy Ruiz ordered Suspect Supuwood to roll onto his stomach and put his hands out to his side. Suspect Supuwood did not comply with Deputy Ruiz' order. Deputy Ruiz re-activated the Taser for another five second cycle. This cycle appeared to have no effect on Suspect Supuwood and he believed the Taser leads may have become detached. He performed a "drive stun" by pushing the front of the Taser onto one of Suspect Supuwood's pant legs in the calf area and activating the Taser. Deputy Ruiz' plan was to get Suspect Supuwood to comply with his orders and to get him handcuffed as quickly as possible.

Deputy Ruiz only had contact with Suspect Supuwood's calf area with the Taser in drive stun mode for a second or less. Simultaneously, Deputy Fugawa arrived and turned Suspect Supuwood onto his stomach or Suspect Supuwood turned over on his own accord. When Suspect Supuwood turned over, contact between his calf and the Taser was broken.

Note: Sergeant Long downloaded the Recorded Firing Data log from the Taser Deputy Ruiz fired during the incident. It shows three five-second activations and the times associated [Exhibit X].

As Suspect Supuwood rolled onto his stomach, Deputy Ruiz ordered him to put his hands behind his back. Suspect Supuwood complied Deputy Zambrano

arrived and handcuffed Suspect Supuwood. Deputy Ruiz' view of the handcuffing was partially blocked by Deputy Fugawa, so he did not see if Suspect Supuwood resisted it or not.

Prior to the Tasing, Deputy Ruiz was unable to ascertain if Suspect Supuwood had any injuries. After Suspect Supuwood was handcuffed he saw that he had blood all over his jacket, some blood on both sides of his face, and a lump on the left part of his forehead near the eyebrow. Paramedics were summoned to the scene to examine Suspect Supuwood's injuries. The paramedics examined Suspect Supuwood, who refused treatment. Suspect Supuwood continued to be belligerent, calling one of the paramedics a "nigger" and that he was going to kill him. Deputy Ruiz audio recorded Suspect Supuwood from the time of the arrival of the paramedics until he was loaded onto a gurney [Exhibit Y, job #43805]. Suspect Supuwood was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

Deputy Ruiz stated he did not see anybody else use force on Suspect Supuwood. During the incident he was carrying his own Department owned Taser, which he did not have a chance to use before Sergeant Long handed him another Taser to use. He was also carrying Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray and an expandable baton on his belt. Deputy Ruiz chose not to use the OC spray because he did not want to contaminate other deputies. He did not use the baton because he did not want to close the distance with the belligerent and threatening suspect.

# **DEPUTY ALEXANDER ZAMBRANO**

Deputy Zambrano authored a Supplemental Report [Exhibit Z] regarding his actions and observations.

On December 9, 2014, Deputy Zambrano was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Zambrano was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Zambrano stated he was working Temple Station patrol, unit 57A, with his partner, Deputy Javier Gonzalez, on November 18, 2014. Deputy Zambrano was the front seat passenger and Deputy Gonzalez was driving. He assigned his unit to assist on a radio call of a burglary in progress and began responding to the location. He heard Deputy "on the patch" saying that he had a suspect detained at gunpoint at "the subject of the motel and Deputy Gonzalez parked the radio car on the north curb line of Colorado Boulevard near the motel driveway. He exited the radio car and as he ran in the driveway leading into the parking lot, he heard a male voice say, "Taser him." He then heard the sound of a Taser activating for approximately two seconds. He assumed Deputy Gonzalez was somewhere behind him, but he did not see him.

When Deputy Zambrano ran into the parking lot, he saw Suspect Supuwood on the ground. He was laying on the ground in the south part of the parking lot, against the south wall of the motel, to the west of a parked vehicle. He saw Deputy Ruiz standing near Suspect Supuwood's feet, holding a Taser, with the prongs of the Taser leads attached to the suspect. Deputy Zambrano heard Deputy Ruiz say, "Turn over on your stomach. Put your hands behind your back." Suspect Supuwood yelled profanities and did not comply with the orders. He saw Deputy Ruiz fire the Taser, as the prongs were already attached, for approximately two seconds. This application of the Taser did not appear to have any effect on Suspect Supuwood, as he continued to be non-compliant. Deputy Zambrano saw Deputy Ruiz drive stun Suspect Supuwood on the right thigh area. Deputy Ruiz again told Suspect Supuwood to turn over. Deputy Zambrano saw Deputy Fugawa turn Suspect Supuwood onto his stomach. Deputy Zambrano walked over and placed Suspect Supuwood's arms behind his back, palms together, and handcuffed him. Deputy Zambrano did not feel any resistance as he handcuffed Suspect Supuwood.

Deputy Zambrano estimated the time lapse between hearing the activation of the Taser and handcuffing Suspect Supuwood was approximately 20 seconds. He did not notice the presence of his partner, Deputy Gonzalez, until after Suspect Supuwood had been handcuffed. He was carrying Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray and an expandable baton on his Sam Brown belt, but did not think about using either option because Suspect Supuwood was already on the ground when he arrived. Deputy Zambrano was not carrying a Taser. He verbally reported the force he witnessed to Sergeant Long at the scene and then wrote a supplemental report regarding the incident.

Deputy Zambrano rode in an ambulance with Suspect Supuwood as he was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Deputy Gonzalez followed behind them in a radio car. Suspect Supuwood continued to curse at the paramedics during the trip to the hospital. Deputy Zambrano talked to Doctor Chon at the hospital who told him that an x-ray was going to be taken regarding Suspect Supuwood's head injury. Later, an unknown nurse told him Suspect Supuwood had some internal injuries to his head.

#### **DEPUTY JAVIER GONZALEZ, JR**

Deputy Gonzalez authored a Supplemental Report [Exhibit AA] regarding his actions and observations.

On December 9, 2014, Deputy Gonzalez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Gonzalez was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Gonzalez was working Temple Station patrol unit 57A on November 18, 2014. He was working with his partner, Deputy Zambrano. They responded to a radio call of a burglary in progress at the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on Colorado Boulevard. As they were responding, Deputy Gonzalez heard Deputy on the radio saying he was holding the suspect at gunpoint. They drove to motel. Deputy Gonzalez parked his radio car in front of the motel, as Deputy Zambrano ran into the parking lot. Deputy Gonzalez walked or ran into the parking lot. He saw a group of deputies in the south part of the parking lot and Suspect Supuwood lying on the ground, handcuffed. He saw Deputies Fugawa and Zambrano standing near the suspect. Deputy Gonzalez saw that Suspect Supuwood had an inch long, bleeding laceration on the left side of his forehead above the eyebrow and some dried blood on his hands. He did not hear Suspect Supuwood complain of injuries or pain

Paramedics arrived and examined Suspect Supuwood. Suspect Supuwood yelled profanities at the paramedics. Deputy Zambrano accompanied Suspect Supuwood in the back of an ambulance as he was transported to the hospital. Deputy Gonzalez followed behind them in a radio car Deputy Gonzalez talked to Doctor Chon at the hospital. Doctor Chon said that Suspect Supuwood was being placed in the Intensive Care Unit because of possible bleeding to the brain.

## **DEPUTY CESAR HUERTA**

Deputy Huerta co-authored a crime report [Exhibit BB] regarding his actions and observations.

On December 8, 2014, Deputy Huerta was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Huerta was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Huerta stated he was working Temple Station patrol, unit 51, with his partner, Deputy Felipe Rivera, on November 18, 2014. Deputy Huerta is a Field Training Officer and was Deputy Rivera on the indicated date. He assigned their unit to assist on a radio call of a burglary in progress on Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. He responded to motel and parked in the rear alley. He entered the rear parking lot and saw five or six unknown deputies and Sergeant Long there. Deputy Huerta also saw Suspect Supuwood on the ground, in the process of being handcuffed. Suspect Supuwood was moving around and cursing while he was being handcuffed by unknown deputies. Deputy Huerta was standing four feet away from Suspect Supuwood and his partner, Deputy Rivera, was standing next to him. He described the parking lot as being "very dark."

Deputy Huerta requested via radio for paramedics to respond to the location. Paramedics arrived within two minutes. Suspect Supuwood acted "bizarre" and

yelled at the paramedics as he was being examined. He saw an approximately one inch long laceration over Suspect Supuwood's left or right eye and several lacerations on his fingers and forearm. Deputy Huerta called the Temple Station desk and assumed the handle regarding the burglary incident.

# DEPUTY FELIPE RIVERA

Deputy Rivera co-authored a crime report [Exhibit BB] regarding his actions and observations.

On December 8, 2014, Deputy Rivera was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Rivera was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Rivera stated he was working Temple Station patrol, unit 51, with his Deputy Huerta, on November 18, 2014. He heard another unit saying ne was detaining the suspect at Fulton and Colorado. Another deputy said, via radio, "At They drove to the indicated motel and parked in the alley to the rear. He walked into the motel parking lot and saw four or five deputies, only recognizing Deputy Ruiz and Sergeant Long, detaining Suspect Supuwood, who was lying on the ground, handcuffed. Suspect Supuwood was extremely belligerent. Deputy Rivera heard him yell, "I can't believe they let you fucking niggers walk the streets. They should kill you all." Suspect Supwood had Taser leads attached to his person. Deputy Rivera did not see anybody use force on Suspect Supuwood. Paramedics arrived and examined Suspect Supuwood, but he was extremely belligerent with them. Deputy Rivera saw that Suspect Supuwood had some small cuts on his face that were bleeding.

Deputy Rivera walked over to the "El Super Burrito" restaurant. He saw a cash register on the ground and lots of coins scattered about the area. Deputy Rivera

also saw shattered glass	and numerous droplets	s of fresh blood on the floo	or and
shelving. He contacted	a transien	t, who was sitting north of	the
restaurant. She told him	she had seen the susp	ect walking around the ar	ea,
yelling and screaming. S	Shortly thereafter, she s	saw him shatter a restaura	nt
window with his elbow ar	nd then enter the restau	urant through the window.	Deputy
Rivera and his	transported	to Arcadia Method	ist
Hospital, where she posi	tively identified Suspec	t Supuwood as the persor	n she
saw breaking into the res	staurant.		

# **DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER VIETH**

On January 30, 2015, Deputy Vieth was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Otis was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Vieth was working as Temple Station patrol unit 52 on November 18, 2014. He was working by himself. He responded to a radio call of a burglary in progress at the "El Super Burrito" on Colorado Boulevard. Deputy Vieth checked the area for the suspect. He heard emergency radio traffic being broadcast that a suspect was being detained. Deputy Vieth parked in front of "motel and ran into the parking lot of the motel. He saw several deputies in the parking lot and a male black suspect lying on the ground on his stomach, handcuffed. Deputy Vieth did not see any deputy use force on the suspect. Paramedics arrived at the motel and he left to look for the informant on the radio call. He found the informant near the "El Super Burrito" restaurant. Deputy Vieth waited with the informant until the handling deputy arrived. He left before the informant was interviewed. Deputy Vieth walked back to the motel and asked if the deputies needed any help with anything. He put up some crime scene tape and then left the location, resuming normal patrol duties.

# DEPUTY KYLE OTIS

On February 2, 2015, Deputy Otis was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Deputy Otis was represented by Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green & Shinee.

Deputy Otis stated he was working unit 52T1 on November 18, 2014, at Temple Station. He responded to a radio call of a Burglary in progress at the "El Super Burrito" restaurant on Colorado Boulevard. Deputy Otis arrived in the area and began looking for the suspect described in the radio call. He heard a deputy on the radio requesting additional units at "motel. Deputy Otis drove to the "motel" motel. As he arrived, he heard an SCC dispatcher asking if a sergeant was responding to the location. Deputy Otis saw a sergeant's Chevrolet Tahoe parked in front of the motel. He told SCC, via radio, that a

sergeant was on scene. As he exited his radio car, he heard the sound of a Taser activating. Deputy Otis walked through the south driveway and into the motel parking lot. He looked to his left and saw the silhouette of a suspect lying on the ground.

Deputy Otis saw several deputies at the location, but only recognized Sergeant Long, who told him to go find the informant on the radio call. He was in the parking lot for less than ten seconds. Deputy Otis did not see anybody use force on Suspect Supuwood. Deputy Otis left the parking lot and found the informant, ying on the ground near the "El Super Burrito" restaurant. She told Deputy Otis that she was the one who had called the station regarding the burglary. Deputy Otis did not speak to burglary. Deputy Otis did not speak to burglary any further, as the handling deputies arrived to interview her.

On November 18, 2014, IAB Sergeants Brian Godwin and Chad Smeltzer interviewed in the lobby of "motel. She is the speaker and does not speak English fluently. Sergeant Godwin used to translate from Mandarin to English and vice versa.

Was working at 'less and older and during the use of force incident. Between the hours of 1245 and 0145 on the indicated date, she had seen Suspect Supuwood running around the area and lying down on

Colorado Boulevard. As cars drove on Colorado Boulevard, in front of motel, she saw Suspect Supuwood attempting to run into the cars.

Saw Suspect Supuwood "fall down on his face a lot in the middle of the road." She assumed he was drunk.

Saw Suspect Supuwood walk upstairs toward his motel room (room She saw Suspect Supuwood walk upstairs toward his motel room (room She saw numerous empty bottles of alcohol in his room.

She tried to get him to go into his room, so he would not get hurt out on the street. She saw numerous empty bottles of alcohol in his room.

She saw that he had broken the bathroom window of his room.

Saw blood on the broken glass from the window. Suspect Supuwood had blood all over his face and some gashes on his forehead, eyebrows, chin, and cheeks, which she assumed he had received from falling on his face in the road.

At approximately 0145 hours, or shortly thereafter, where went to sleep in the back room of the motel lobby. She was awoken by some deputies at approximately 0250 hours. Suspect Supuwood had already been arrested at this point. She did not see any of the confrontation between the deputies and Suspect Supuwood. Said there are two video cameras in the parking lot, but they do not have the capability of recording.

## SUSPECT'S STATEMENT

#### IAB INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT SUPUWOOD

On November 19, 2014, Suspect Supuwood was interviewed by IAB Investigators Sergeant Brian Godwin and Sergeant Chad Smeltzer in room 352 of Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Sergeant Godwin took photographs of Suspect Supuwood and his injuries [Exhibit CC].

Suspect Supuwood stated, "Really, really late" on November 18, 2014, he went to a liquor store. The liquor store was "up the street" from "the motel, on and off, where he was staying in room. He has been staying in the motel, on and off, for a few months. Suspect Supuwood was drunk as he walked around the area near the motel. He recalled sitting in his motel room, drinking alcohol and listening to music on his cell phone. The last thing he remembered was walking back and forth near his motel room and then waking up in the hospital. Suspect Supuwood had a "split second flashback" of falling on his head, but could not remember if it occurred before or during his contact with deputies. He stated, "There's a point where I get drunk out of my mind, where I don't know what is happening. It's like I'm not even there."

When Suspect Supuwood woke up in the hospital, somebody told him he had been arrested for burglary and he had been Tased by some deputies; however, he had no recollection of having any contact with deputies. Suspect Supuwood said it is common for him to drink alcohol, black out, and then wake up with no recollection of what happened.

Suspect Supuwood said he is under a doctor's care because he suffers from depression with psychotic features. He was prescribed the medications Seroquil and Prozac. Suspect Supuwood takes the medications fairly regularly, with some lapses. The only injury he was currently aware of was a cut above his left eye and a slight headache. He said he did not think he had any injuries prior to the events of the evening. Suspect Supuwood stated he had not used any illegal narcotics in conjunction with the alcohol.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sergeant Godwin attempted to locate Informant on two separate locations in the area she is known to frequent (Colorado Boulevard, near the "El Super Burrito" restaurant), but to no avail. He also telephoned her several times at her listed cellular telephone number, but there was no answer.

Sergeant Godwin attempted to contact Mr. and Mrs. and and and at their indicated telephone number. A message was left on their answering machine, but as of the submission of this package, they had not returned the phone call.

Temple Station, Detective Saranya Klinkalong, was the handling investigator for the criminal portion of this case. She authored a supplemental report regarding the filing of criminal charges against Suspect Supuwood [Exhibit DD].